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REMARKS

This Reply is in response to the Office Action mailed on November 23, 2005. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

I. Rejection of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10-16, 18, 19, 22-24, 26-34, 36-38, 40-42, 44, 45, 47-49 under 35 USC § 102(b)

Claim 1 stands rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,764,263 to Lin ("Lin"). Applicants traverse this rejection as applied to claim 1 as amended. Claim 1 has been amended to recite "a first set of printbar assemblies configured to transfer a first percentage of an imaging medium onto a first side of a print media" and "a second set of printbar assemblies configured to transfer a second percentage of the imaging medium onto the first side of the print media". Hence, both sets of printbar assemblies print on a same side of the print media. In contrast, the Lin reference teaches application of ink to opposite sides of a substrate by assemblies 22, 29 (FIG. 2). Because the assemblies 22, 29 of Lin do not transfer imaging medium to a same side of substrate S, Lin does not anticipate claim 1 as amended. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claims 2, 5-7, 10, 12 depend upon claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 1 is allowable. Withdrawal of these rejections is requested.

Claim 13 stands rejected as being anticipated by Lin. Applicants traverse this rejection as applied to amended claim 13. Claim 13 has been amended to recite "print units configured to transfer imaging medium onto a same side of a medium...." As discussed above, the assemblies 22, 29 of Lin do not transfer imaging medium onto a same side of a medium, but rather apply ink to opposite sides of substrate S. Consequently, Lin does not teach print units configured to transfer imaging medium onto a same side of a medium as recited in claim 13. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

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Claim 14-16, 22, and 23 depend upon claim 13 and are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 13 is allowable. Withdrawal of the rejections of these claims is requested.

Claim 26 stands rejected as being anticipated by Lin. Applicants traverse this rejection as applied to amended claim 26. Claim 26 is amended to recite "transferring a first percentage of an imaging medium onto a first side of a print media to form a first portion of a printed image with one or more printbar assemblies of a first print unit" and "transferring a second percentage of the imaging medium onto the first side of the print media to form a second portion of the printed image with one or more printbar assemblies of a second print unit". As discussed above, the assemblies 22, 29 of Lin do not transfer imaging medium onto a same side of a medium, but rather apply ink to opposite sides of substrate S. Consequently, since the Lin assemblies 22, 29 do not transfer imaging medium onto a same side of a print media, Lin does not anticipate claim 26 as amended. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 26 is requested.

Claims 27-34 and 36-38 depend upon claim 26 and are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 26 is allowable. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 40 stands rejected as anticipated by Lin. Applicants traverse this rejection. Claim 40 recites "depositing ink onto a print media with multiple print units to collectively form a printed image". Lin does not use multiple print units to collectively form a printed image. Rather, Lin uses assembly 22 to print on one side of substrate S and uses assembly 29 to print on an opposite side of the substrate S. Consequently, the Lin assemblies 22, 29 do not "collectively form a printed image" but rather form separate images on opposite sides of the substrate S. As such, Lin does not anticipate claim 40. Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 40 is therefore requested.

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Claims 41, 42, 44, and 45 depend upon claim 40 and are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 40 is allowable. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 47 stands rejected as anticipated by Lin. Applicants traverse this rejection on the basis that Lin fails to teach "transferring multiple percentages of an imaging medium onto a print media to form corresponding multiple portions of a printed image". Indeed, as discussed above, the Lin assemblies 22, 29 print on opposite sides of the substrate S. As such, the Lin assemblies do not "form corresponding multiple portions of a printed image" as recited in claim 47. Because Lin does not teach this limitation, Lin does not anticipate claim 47.

Claim 47 further distinguishes over Lin on the basis that Lin fails to disclose the recited "computer-readable media". Because Lin does not teach this limitation, Lin does not anticipate claim 47. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested for this additional reason.

Claim 48 stands rejected as anticipated by Lin. Applicants traverse this rejection as applied to claim 48 as amended. Claim 48 is amended to recite "transferring a first percentage of an imaging medium onto a first side of a print media with one or more printbar assemblies of a first print unit" and "transferring a second percentage of the imaging medium onto the first side of the print media with one or more printbar assemblies of a second print unit." In contrast, the Lin assemblies 22, 29 print on opposite sides of the substrate S. Consequently, Lin does not anticipate claim 48 as amended. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

Claim 49 depends upon claim 48 and is therefore allowable for at least the same reasons claim 48 is allowable. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

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II. Rejection of claims 3, 4, and 8 under 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 3, 4, and 8 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a). These claims depend upon claim 1 and are allowable for at least the same reasons claim 1 is allowable. Withdrawal of this rejection is requested.

III. Conclusion.

Applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 08-2025. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R.

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§1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account
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